

Save That Bacon



Home-cured pork fed Ozark families year-round. Farmers butchered hogs in the early winter. Sides of bacon and hams were first salted, then smoked slowly over low-heat fires here in the smokehouse. Well smoked meat lasted months without refrigeration.

Box Elder

Acer negundo

This medium-sized tree has bright green leaves reminiscent of poison ivy but harmless to the touch. Relatively fast growing, it provides cooling shade. Box Elder needs moderate watering since it usually grows on the upland areas along stream banks.



Skoomp



Chrysothamnus nauseosus

Paiute families watched rabbitbrush closely as summer ended. This blossom marked the time to move to high country to gather pinyon nuts, a favorite food. Portions of the root could be chewed like gum.



Log Cabin

While the pioneer family spent most of their time working outdoors, this one-room log cabin was the center of family life. Here they gathered to eat, sleep, and share their lives on the Indiana frontier of the 1820s.



Barn

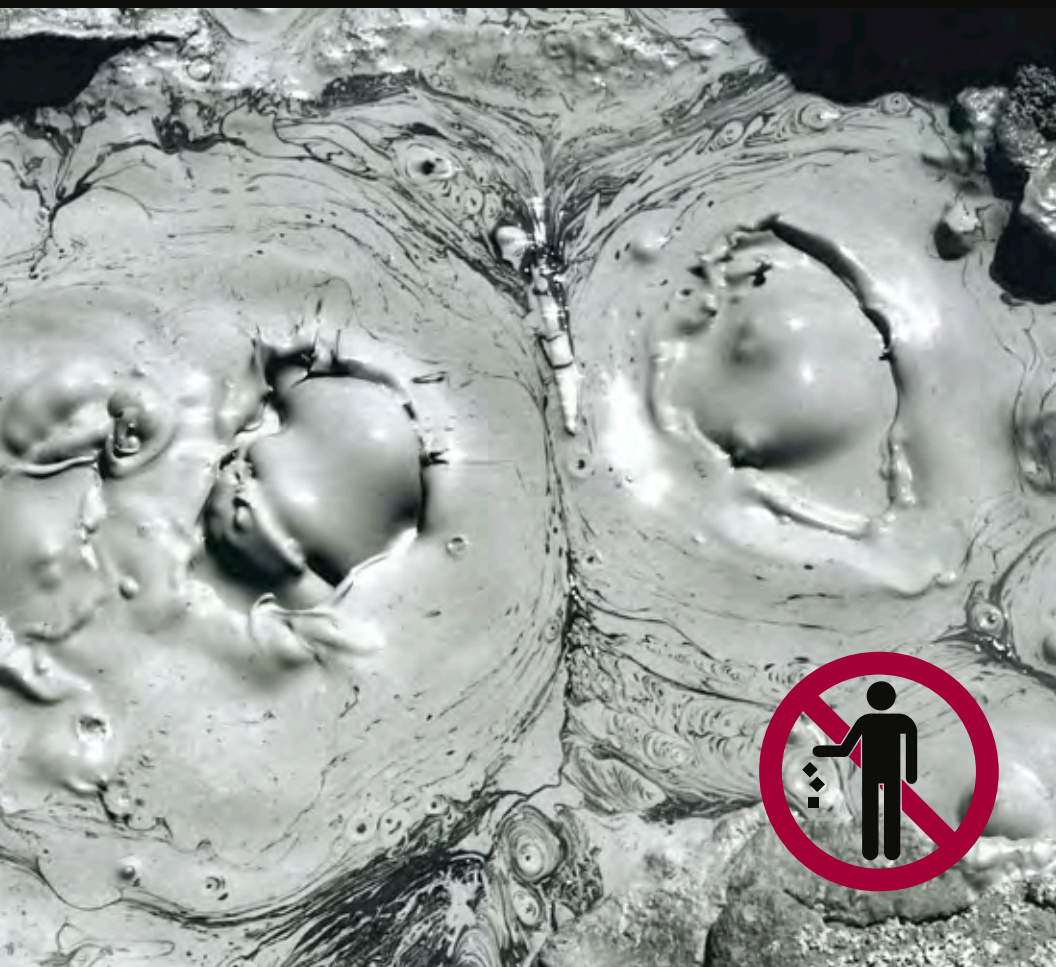
The barn housed frontier livestock vital to pioneers: horses, sheep, and the family cow. Horses plowed fields, pulled wagons, and dragged logs for construction. Milk from cows and wool from sheep were staples to pioneer families.





Sulfur Crystals

Look for bright yellow sulfur crystals around fumaroles (steam vents). These squat, pyramid-shaped crystals—formed from sulfur dioxide gases emitted from the vent—are what Mathias Supan mined here in the late 1800s.



Mudpots

This was once solid rock; now it is mud. Acids—formed from gases mixing with water and bacteria—dissolved the rock into clay. Clay, mixed with a high content of water, makes good thumping and bubbling mudpots.

When groundwater is less available the mud dries up, and the mudpot can evolve into a fumarole, emitting steam. Wetter years can change the mudpot into a boiling spring.

Glacial Remnant

As the glacier flows it carves off chunks of bedrock and collects rockfall from steep valley walls. The boulders strewn along this trail were carried by the glacier and left behind as the ice melted.



Glacier Tracks

Feel these striations, or scratches in the bedrock from gravel and rocks dragged underneath the glacier.

Notice the areas where the glacier has polished the bedrock smooth.



Stay on the Trail

The land around you is beginning to change from rocks and gravel to forest. A misplaced footstep can compact fragile soil and crush tiny seedlings struggling to gain a toehold in this harsh terrain.



Monterey Pine

Pinus radiata



Native to western
United States
(California)